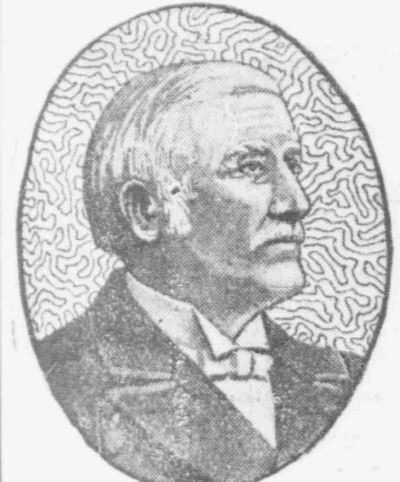


LAST OF GREAT TRIO

Retires from Active Journalism
After Years of Usefulness.

Col. A. K. McClure, Contemporary and
Rival of Greeley and Dana, Re-
linquishes Charge of Phila-
delphia Times.

The retirement of Col. A. K. McClure from the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Times marks the passing from journalism of the last of the "old guard," or those few men who a little over a quarter of a century ago swayed the public mind and wielded great power in the politics of the land. Col. McClure, Horace Greeley and Charles A. Dana were three men who helped to make history in the days preceding and during the civil war, and Col. McClure is the last of that famous trio. Few men in the newspaper business have rounded out such a career as Col. McClure. While Dana was several years the senior of Col. McClure, it is interesting to note that their entry into journalism was almost contemporaneous, for it was after two years of service in Boston that Dana became associated with the New York Tribune in 1847, and Col. McClure entered the field in 1846. Neither Greeley nor Raymond nor Bennett completed such a service. There are few parallels among the living or dead. Col. McClure began with the elder journalism which was little more than political pamphleteering, kept pace with the modern journalism and showed himself equally successful in both. He has seen the social, material and political mutations of over half a century and has been an active and potent factor in the vital and momentous history of more than a generation. The men who have crossed swords with him know the power of his blow and well understand the necessity of going into battle with him with visor down, with armor complete and without a loose joint in their harness. Notwithstanding the force which he brought to the fight, no one who has been brought into association with him can fail to testify that, however sharp the clash and however



COL. A. K. MCCLURE.
(Former Editor Who Has Just Retired
from Active Service.)

Strenuous the struggle, there was underneath it a kindly and benignant disposition. Many have felt the force of his free lance; but have felt respect and admiration for the courage, the genius and the power which hurled the shaft.

In speaking of his life work Col. McClure recently said:

"I have long held that the responsibility of a widely read and respected newspaper is the highest trust under our free government. I do not speak of it to claim for it honors which may be questioned, but I speak of it to prevent the oppressive responsibilities which rest upon those who to-day are educating a nation of 70,000,000 people, under a government where every citizen is a sovereign and where the people hold in their hands the destiny of the greatest republic in the world.

Presidents, cabinets, senators and representatives come and play their parts on the public stage and pass away—the few to be remembered, the many to be forgotten—and political parties are created and perish as new necessities and new conditions arise in the progress of our free institutions. In my own day there have been created four new political organizations which have attained national importance, all of which have elected governors in Pennsylvania and two of which have elected presidents of the United States, but three of them exist to-day only in history. They are the anti-slavery, the whig, the American and the republican parties. Charged with the highest of civil trusts in the most enlightened government of the earth, the editor must be honored or dishonored by the measure of his fidelity to his exceptional duties and must be so judged in the hereafter, when the narrow pathway of life that divides past and future eternities has been traversed.

The connection of Col. McClure with the birth of the republican party, his friendship with Lincoln and the part that he played in the election of the "martyr president" are matters of history, says the Chicago Chronicle. It was his work as chairman of the Pennsylvania republican committee that gave that state to the republicans and made the election of Lincoln a possibility. He has always been willing to

receive a blow as well as to give it. He has had a genius for losing a battle with the same zeal as he gave to a winning cause. He has been the center rush in every struggle with which he has been identified on the field of politics, and after the game was won or lost he has invariably come up smiling to the line, ready to give the word for the next contest.

The Idol of Kentucky.
Nearly all the organizations for debate in Kentucky bear the name of the "Henry Clay Debating club."

BEHIND THE SCENE.

Aquinaldo will visit the United States during the summer.

The first public schools were opened in 1645 in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Maria G. Saxton, aunt of Mrs. McKinley died at Canton, O., April 25.

Black Jack outlaw in the Southwest, was hanged at Clayton, N. M., recently.

Genl. Maximo Gomez may be the First President of the New Cuban Republic.

The man who asks fool questions must not be particular about the answers he gets.

An industrial school is to be established at Bloomington, Ind., soon for colored people.

You can encourage race enterprise in no better way than by subscribing for this paper.

Jeffries and Rhulin have been matched to fight in San Francisco on some date in August.

Dr. J. I. Turnival the illustrious English scholar of England just ended his seventy-fifth year.

Lord Robert is the first man ever entitled to wear the victor's cross and the order of St. Patrick.

President Eliot of Howard has completed a longer term of service than any of his predecessors.

Dr. H. O. Hall in the N. C. Medical Record asserts that scarlet fever is primarily distributed by milk.

Mr. Bryan, the late Democratic candidate for President has no intention of seeking a third nomination.

The Czar gets a salary as much as \$12,000,000 a year. But he has good reasons for not being happy.

Gen. A. O. Miller age 74 one of Indiana's noted heroes of the Civil War died April 25th at Lebanon, Ind.

When Prince Henri de Croy, of Belgium landed in New York Custom House officials seized his jewels.

Over 200,000 miles of railroad in this country is controlled by eight men. Aggregate capital \$5,000,000,000.

The First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Ky., will erect a handsome new structure. The cost will be \$15,000.

20,000 persons are reported to have died of famine in the Russian provinces Kherson and Bessarabia since February.

Mr. W. H. Simpson, of the District Office lost his son Thursday May 9th. Bro. Simpson has our sympathy.—The Bee.

The 25th Anniversary of colored Baptist of South Carolina, convened at Columbia, S. C., May 1st. Large attendance.

Stephen M. Van Allen, of Jamaica, Me., has the smallest revolver ever made, it is one inch long, and holds 6 cartridges.

The statistics of the season will show that colored men will have more than half a million dollars in the catering business alone.

Blind Tom the famous pianist is alive, Mrs. Bethune his guardian writes that in all probability he will appear next season.

The two largest locomotives in the world have just been placed in operation on the Pittsburgh, Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad.

Mrs. Hetty Green says that wealthy people can afford to dress poorly. The poor and vulgar must wear fine clothes, if for purpose of disguise.

We wonder if the time will ever come when our people will stand together. In union there is strength, we seem to take the other view—viz: non-unity.

President McKinley on his visit to Portland, Ore., May 22, will break ground for the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, which is to be held in 1905.

Secretary of Agriculture, Wilson will send an expert to visit all the rice growing countries of the world to investigate important matters connected with this industry.

Our contemporary the Bee of Paducah, Ky., springs the key note, viz: one of the forces whose influence is felt in the solution of the time won, negro problem is the press.—N. B. Black Press.

Messrs. George Gould and Archie Huntington (deceased) have Afro-Americans as Private Secretaries. A Trans-Continental Railway Company in Broad street, Louisiana and New York City have the same.

Simple justice demands that the millions of negroes who pay their share for the support of the army shall have their representatives army officers, as well as men.—North Carolina Evening Post.

The negro question is having influence on Cuban politics the great dimensions of the negro ingredient of the population of the Island, is one of the

considerations which will make trouble for the Cubans.

The movement in the South to disfranchise Afro-Americans continues to grow. Alabama has followed the course outlined by Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana, North Carolina and Maryland.

At the annual convention of American Academy of Political and Social Science, held at Philadelphia recently, Prof. G. T. Winston, in his address says, the future of the negro seems hopeless.

The funeral of Dr. Richard De Baptiste one of the eminent members of the Baptist denomination took place from Olivet Church, Chicago, Ill. April 26th thousands of colored citizens were present.

Benjamin Franklin who died in 1790, left \$5,000 each to Boston and Philadelphia to be kept invested for 100 years, the accumulation to be devoted to certain public objects. The Boston fund amounts to \$366,880. The Philadelphia a little over \$100,000.

Why is the President's house called the white House? Because Aug. 24,



D. M. McCARY, Esq.
Who will Receive Contributions of the Florida Suffers:

1814, when the British captured Washington, they burned the public buildings. The President's House being among the number. It being damaged to some extent it was painted white to hide the fire stains, the custom has prevailed since that year. The proper title is "Executive Mansion."

Ossif Gabrieliwitsch the famous Russian pianist pays the following compliment to the musical genius of the negro: that the colored man is really superior to the white man in one way. He is a born musician. I have found that music is nearly always the expression of the highest intellectuality and the negro is really one of the first musicians of the world.

WHY DISCRIMINATE?

The House of Detention Officers Separate the Prisoners.

On Thursday morning the house of Detention wagon brought to the Police Court, four prisoners, two girls and two boys. One of the girls was white. When the wagon arrived, the three colored prisoners including the small colored girl were sent through the basement to the cell in the rear of the court house, while the white girl nothing more than a street-walker, being charged with vagrancy and incorrigibility was allowed to pass up the steps through the court house and given a seat in the rear of the court among the spectators. When her case was called the testimony against her was of the most revolting character, but still she was allowed to sit among the spectators in court, while the small colored girl and two boys were sent back into cells. The aunt of the white girl testified that her mother wanted her sent to the Reform School. The court however sent her back to House of Detention. From what the officer testified, she should have been sent to the Work House, but under the law prisoners under sixteen are placed in charge of the Board of Childrens Guardians.

JOHN C. CALHOUN'S FORMAL WOOING.

He Wrote but One Love Letter to His Pretty Sweetheart:

Though an ardent lover fretting at time's slow course until his wedding day, John C. Calhoun wrote but one letter to his sweetheart—his pretty cousin Florida Calhoun. All the other communications, when the lovers were separated, were made through her mother. But shortly before her marriage "The Great Nullifier" wrote expressing his anxiety for the arrival of the happy day, and the letter recently came to light is published in the May Ladies' Home Journal. After giving expression to the joy he has found in her company the letter runs: " * * *

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

Highly Commended by a Distinguished Citizen—Wants it Circulated.

Editor of the BEE—I thank you for the publication of the speech of our President to the "Colored people of Texas" by some means best known to those whose duty it was to inform us it appeared only in a few papers and was therefore lost to many readers. I am willing to pay whatever it may cost to have you continue its publication with a boarder around it that attention may be more attracted to it. It is worthy of the noble man who uttered it and the more it is read and thought over the more every honest soul will conclude—admit the words are as if spoken of the Gods. I am quite sure that when the midst has cleared away we will be willing to see that most of our ills are of our own making. Many could have been avoided had we acted more wisely. My hope is that in what seems to us this very dark hour we may be brought closer together and made to see more of us alike. I am a subscriber to the Post and am allowed to assist in editing that paper and have often wished to lend a hand in the editing of the BEE. CHARLES H. SHORTER, Washington, D. C. 1804 T St. N. W.

Geo. S. CONTEE IN SALT LAKE CITY.

Distinguished Honor Paid Him—Instituted a High Council.

From the Salt Lake City Plaindealer.

Geo. Contee, who is well known throughout Colorado and the West, was in the city this week, and instituted a "Past Grand Master's Council," which is the highest branch yet reached by the Odd Fellows of this city. The officers of this new branch are well known, and are as follows: M. W. G. M., A. A. Clark; D. G. M., A. L. Howell; G. S., W. Clark; G. T.,

gives me much satisfaction that time and absence make no impression on my love for you; it glows with no less ardor than at the moment of parting, which must be a happy omen of its permanent nature. When mere personal charms attract, the impression may be violent but cannot be lasting, and it requires the perpetual presence of the object to keep it alive; but when the beauty of mind, the soft and sweet disposition, the amiable and lovable character embellished with innocence and cheerfulness are united to the attractions of personal beauty, it bids defiance to time. Such, my dear Florida, are the arms by which you have conquered, and it is by these the durability of your sovereignty is established over your subject whom you hold in willing servitude. May God preserve you. Adieu. my love: my heart's delight. I am your true lover."

BAD EFFECT.

Complaint by Members of the Box Condemnation of a Jury's Verdict.

The practice of condemning the verdict of a jury, either by the Court or the prosecuting officer, in all cases,

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B. C. Council; G. G., H. H. Voss, G. G., C. P. Shelton; G. W., J. H. Hall, G. S. A., A. Smith.

Thursday evening at their hall a grand entertainment was given, and a large number of friends were present. Mr. Willie White, in a well fitting full dress and Miss Buelah Stewart, in a lovely costume led the Grand March at 10:30. Mr. Alonzo Smith, in a few well chosen remarks, introduced Mr. G. S. Contee to the gathering. The New Council, who at this time had emerged from the ante-room in single, regaled, and formed a line across the hall. Mr. Contee, in the course of his remarks, complimented the members upon their success in attaining the higher degrees; he spoke highly of the treatment he had received; and expressed a desire to return again at an early date. He left for Denver Friday morning. While here, he was the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Sammons.

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NOVEL AND EXCITING

Louisville Man's Scheme for Match
Race Between Catfish.

Planned for the Benefit of the Thousands of Knights Templar Who Will Visit the Southern City Late in August.

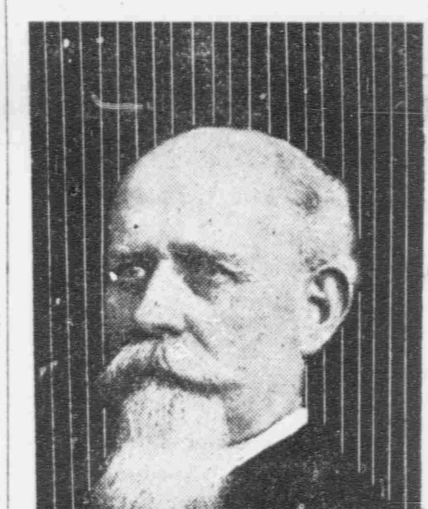
"How would you like to see a catfish race?" asked a tall, gaunt stranger of Mr. J. T. Gathright, of Louisville, Ky., as he entered the latter's office in the Louisville Trust building. "I've got a pair of good uns that I've been working double, but I think I could get 'em in shape to run single an' pull you off a good, square race. Excitein'! I'll bet my shanty that ther's never been a hoss race out here at the Downs that'd give one-tenth the enjoyment."

Before the stranger proceeded any further, says the Courier-Journal, he gave his name as John Seebree, said that he was a shanty boatman, and that he had heard that Mr. Gathright, as chairman of the committee on hotels and accommodations for the Louisville conclave, had been looking around for some little attraction that might be of particular interest to the visitors who stop at the Tented city in Fountain Ferry park during the celebration next August.

"I thought I might interest you in them fish, an' I dropped in," continued Seebree before Mr. Gathright had time to tell him that he believed the Knights Templars would hardly find it convenient to devote their attention to a contest between channel cats.

"I've named 'em Billy and Teddy," the visitor went on. "They're as gentle as lambs an' easier to manage than a Jeffersonville ferryboat. Billy and Teddy are both about four years old, I reckon, and I trained 'em over a year ago to draw a boat."

"How'd I do it? Well, harnessed 'em to the skiff, of course. A catfish's well-nigh the strongest animal on earth for its size. Maybe you didn't know it. Them two can easily pull



COL. J. T. GATHRIGHT.
(One of Louisville's Prominent York Rite Masons.)

a skiff with me an' my wife an' the four young uns in it.

"Now, here's what I've got to propose: I see by the papers there's goin' to be a lot of people here this summer to attend this big time the Knights of the Templars are goin' to have. A fellow was tellin' me you wanted to get up something a little out of the ordinary to give the folks you'll have at Fountain Ferry a little divershun'."

"This is quite out of the ordinary, I must say," Mr. Gathright here found opportunity to sandwich in.

"Well, that's right, an' I'm your man," went on Seebree. "Now, you go ahead an' fix your seats for the people along the bank of the river an' I'll do the rest. I'll take Billy an' Teddy an' hitch 'em to a light skiff apiece. I'll fix up the skiffs with flags an' things to make 'em look like these fancy gondoles—ain't it?—the Italy-uns have. Then my two boys will drive 'em in a race. You understand there won't be anything seen by the audience but them two boats speedin' along the surface of the water with maybe a little foam ahead of 'em an' the two boys a-hollerin' an' the people a-shoutin'."

"For the crowds that can't see from the shore we might arrange it to get boats down there. I think we could get Capt. Billy Devan to keep the track clear. Now, I know you're wantin' to know my price for this attraction, an' I'll add that I'll bet there won't be a bigger attraction here at this conclave. Well, sir, it'll take quite a little time to get the fish in training to work single, an' I'm frank to say I want to make a little out of the thing, so I'll agree to put you up a rattling good show for \$150."

"I will be glad to take the matter under advisement," said Mr. Gathright, as he bowed his visitor to the door with politeness.

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